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## DOCK SHOOTING INCIDENT.

## ACQUITTAL ON CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

## MARRIOTT CASE ENDS.

Mr. Henry ("Kid") Marriott was acquitted of a charge of manslaughter by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday without the defence being called upon to open their case, Mr. F. C. Jenkin successfully submitting that there was no evidence to justify committal.

According to the evidence of the medical officers at the Kowloon Hospital the deceased had a perforated wound in his abdomen as well as a fractured forearm. His pulse was normal and on there being no signs of internal haemorrhage he was transferred to the Government Civil Hospital where there is special accommodation for Indians.

Dr. T. W. Ware, medical officer of the Government Civil Hospital, stated that on the admission of the deceased to hospital he decided that an immediate operation was necessary. The deceased was given general anaesthetic and the site of the injury was explored. Witness found that the portion of large bowel which lies in contact with the abdominal wall had a small perforation considerably smaller than that in the skin.

Witness said that he looked for a bullet or foreign body but none could be found. Later the deceased's condition became worse and, although everything possible was done, he died the following day.

Speaking of the post mortem examination witness said that there was very little haemorrhage from the original injury and none of the intestinal contents had escaped from the perforation. Another search was made for the bullet but without success. The deceased had no peritonitis and as he had not suffered from shock witness said that he was rather puzzled as to the cause of his death.

## Uraemia Causes Death.

The witness then described the deceased's general condition and said that death was due to uraemia following general anaesthesia. Witness intimated that had he known the condition of the deceased's kidney he would have given him local in preference to general anaesthesia. Later witness explained that uraemia was the poisoning of the system by unknown substances. In the present case there were visible symptoms of uraemia but it could not have been discovered before the operation; even a test of urine would not have been decisive.

Witness said that the deceased was taken to the X Ray room but no signs of any bullet were found.

The injury on the forearm was a jagged fracture and the broken end of the ulna was splintered. It was hard to say if the abdominal perforation was straight or slanting but he thought it was nearly straight. The injury was nothing like that caused by a bullet.

The skin wound on the abdomen, said witness, was square and not round. He was inclined to believe it might have been caused by the broken end of the man's own ulna; it looked just like a stab wound.

At the conclusion of the medical evidence Mr. Jenkin submitted that there was no evidence to show that the injuries were caused by a bullet and applied for the acquittal of the defendant but his Worship intimated that it was too early to decide that the deceased was not killed by the defendant.

## Formal Evidence.

Plans of the vicinity were produced by Mr. M. I. de Ville, while Inspector Stimson of the Hung Hom Station gave evidence of having received a report from the defendant, whom he detained. Witness was handed an automatic pistol which he examined. The striker was down and the safety catch at "fire." On taking out the magazine witness found one live round. The breech was empty.

In reply to Mr. Andrewes witness said that he could not account



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## What Crown Must Prove.

Mr. Jenkin continued the prosecution had to prove their case without the aid of any of the evidence of the defence. There were two essential matters which had to be proved before a verdict of guilty could be secured against the defendant. It had to be proved that the death of the deceased had been caused by the default of the accused and that it had to be proved before a jury functioning properly could convict that he had acted with such reckless disregard for the safety of the Indian that the act amounted to a crime or felony.

It was not a question of negligence or no negligence but the issue which justified conviction must be a question of felon or no felon.

The act had to be motivated by fierce cruelty, bitterness and the like.

It had to be shown that the man's conduct had been a disregard of the rules of safety and that there had been a wicked intention, gross negligence or carelessness.

It had to be shown that there had been disregard for the life of the unfortunate Indian to warrant the defendant being dubbed a felon.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that on the evidence of the prosecution there was not the slightest indication that there had been any disregard for the Indian's life.

Referring to the relationship between the defendant and the watchmen, Mr. Jenkin said no evidence had been called in order to save the time of the court but Mr. Andrewes had stated that the terms between

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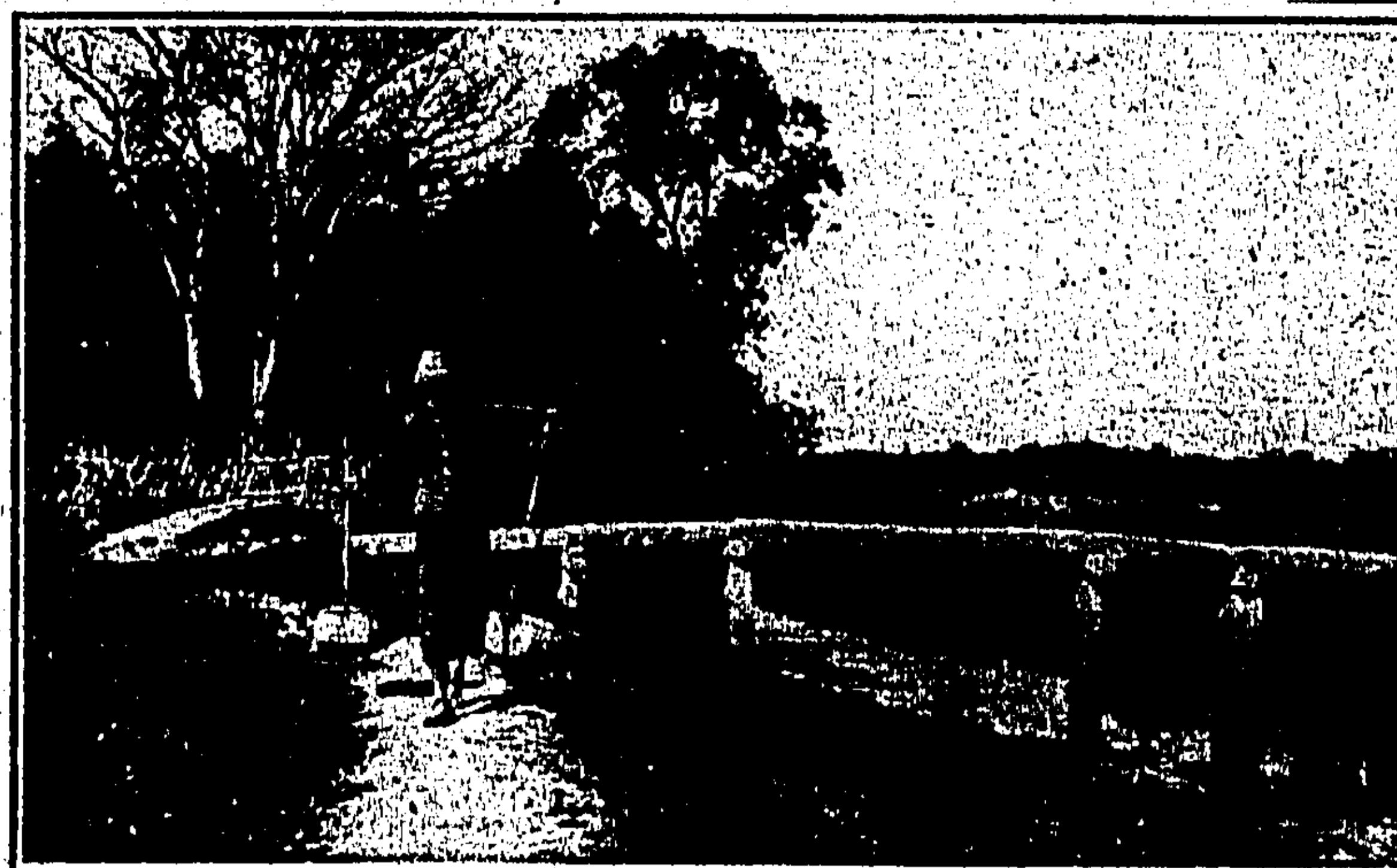
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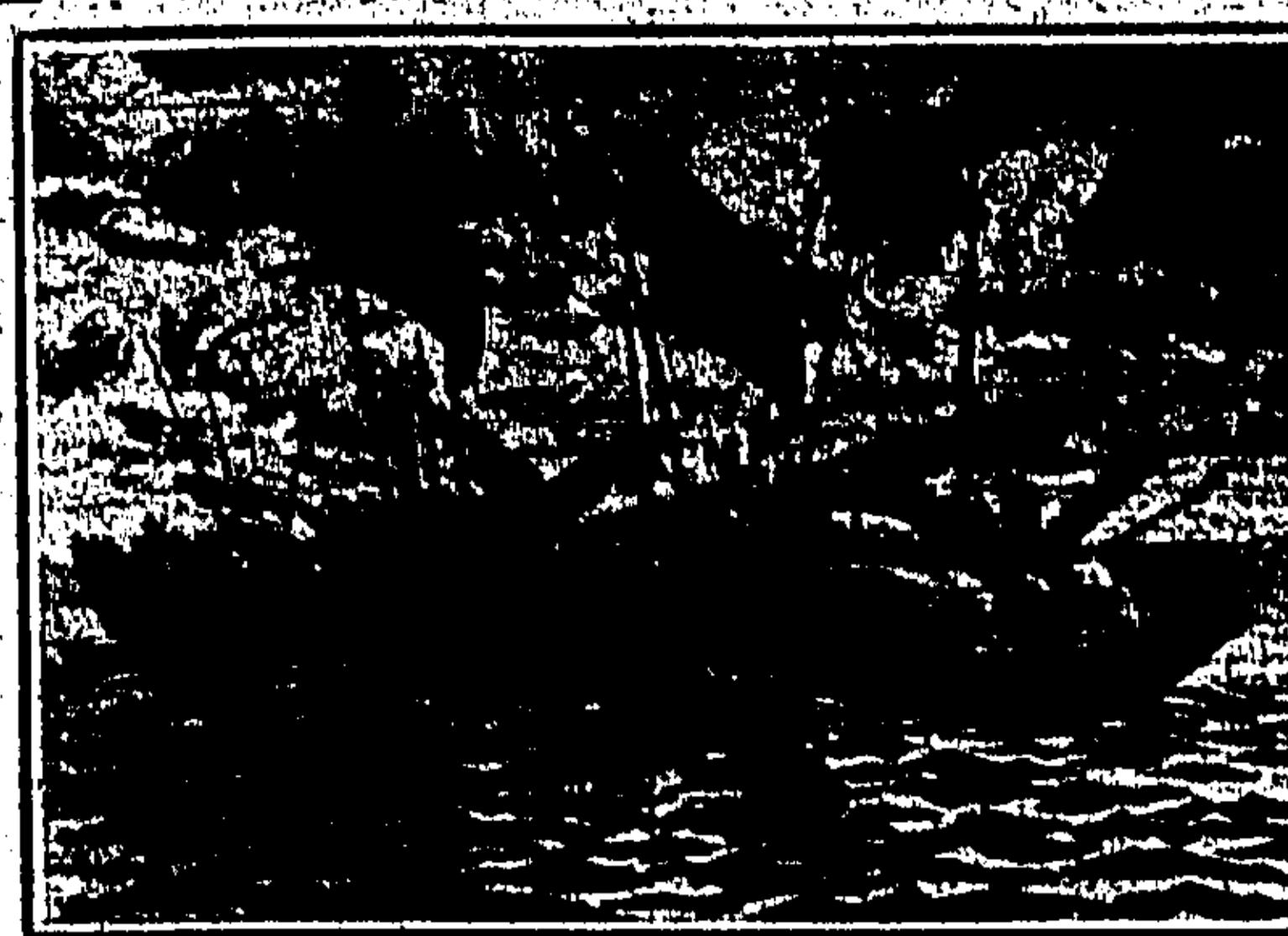
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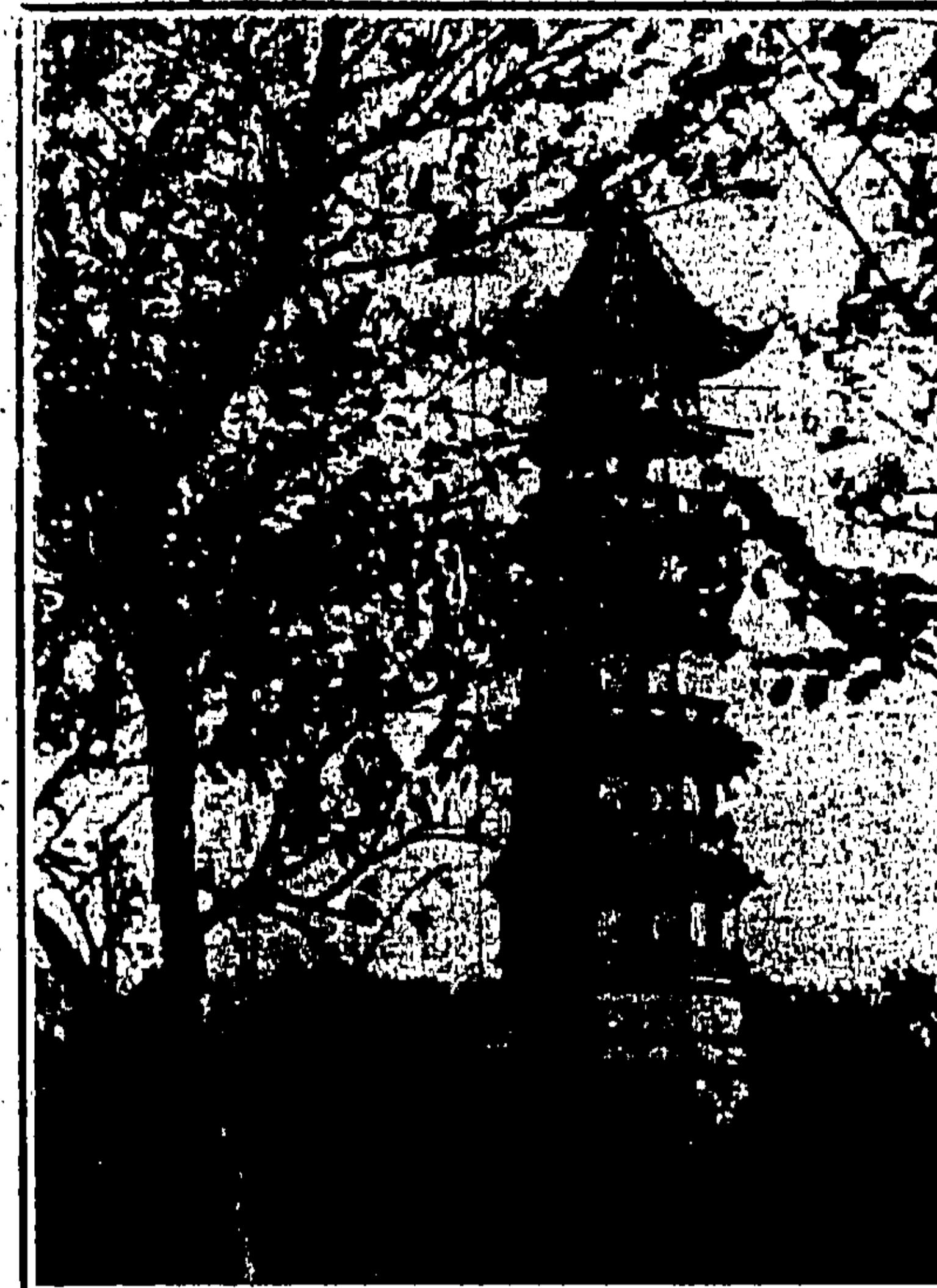
A picture of rural Shanghai taken within a stone's throw of the Monument on Monument Road, Hungjao.



"On the high seas," a picture by Mr. B. Krenov which proves the artist's versatility. It was shown at the recent Art Exhibition.



The "Soochow Hills," an original treatment of a pleasing subject by Mr. B. Krenov, seen in the recent Shanghai Art Club Exhibition.



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Photo taken after the Shanghai wedding of Miss Gladys E. Gue and Lieutenant John J. Wilfong, of the U. S. Navy.



An impression of the huge crowd which assembled 'round Buckingham Palace recently when His Majesty left for Sandringham. The King is stated to be recovering satisfactorily from his long illness.



"Race Course" was the title of a dance which proved highly popular at the Charity Ball given under the auspices of the Russian Benevolent Society in Shanghai recently.



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## CINEMA NOTES.

## MARY'S FIRST SPEAKING ROLE.

Mary Pickford's all-talking screen version of the Broadway stage success, "Coquette," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day, will mark for her the unique experience of rounding out a cycle of silent-spoken roles which began on the stage and culminate now on the ultra-modern talking screen.

Mary Pickford's first appearance on the legitimate stage was a mute one. She was too young when she made her debut to manage any lines. But in a later stage production she was given lines to speak and became a full-fledged actress of the time. Her first appearance in films was also, necessarily, a silent one. She could talk, but the screen could not. It was the screen's own infancy that prescribed action without words. But now, thanks to the mechanical progress of modern pictures, she can express herself in the double dimensions of sight and sound, for she will talk on the screen in "Coquette."

To look back to the beginning of Miss Pickford's career, her debut on the legitimate stage took place at the age of five. She portrayed a little boy, an "Alice" in "The Silver King." This took place also under the auspices of the Valentine Stock Company at Toronto.

As "Alice" Miss Pickford was just led on the stage by the hand of a buxom and determined woman playing the role of the mother. Miss Pickford shook her famous golden curls, now definitely discarded for a ravishing bob in "Coquette") stuck out her tongue at a group of boys, and smiled prettily. Miss Pickford's entrance into the then new experience of motion pictures, came at the close of a Broadway run and extensive tour in David Belasco's production of "The Warners of Virginia," which was written by William DeMille, father of the film directors, William C. and Cecil B. DeMille, D. W. Griffith cast her as a thirteen-year-old girl in "The Lonely Villa," one of the first Biograph two-reelers. Her screen mother was the leading lady, Marlon Leonard. James Kirkwood was the star. He wore a beard so that his stage following wouldn't recognize him, for this was a time when legitimate players sneaked into the movies with a sense of guilt, with a sense of treason to the age-old prestige of the sock and bustin'.

"Coquette," as it will be seen at the Queen's Theatre this week, again takes Miss Pickford into a new field. Besides playing an all-talking picture, directed by Sam Taylor, Miss Pickford presents a grown up role in a romantic tragic story. She appears as a young Southern belle who defies family and convention to revel in poignant romance.

Brought up in an age when love and understanding were conspicuous by their absence, and children were seen and not heard, they're fully aware of the handicap they started the journey of life with. In their anxiety to give their children a better training, they perhaps allow them too much liberty.

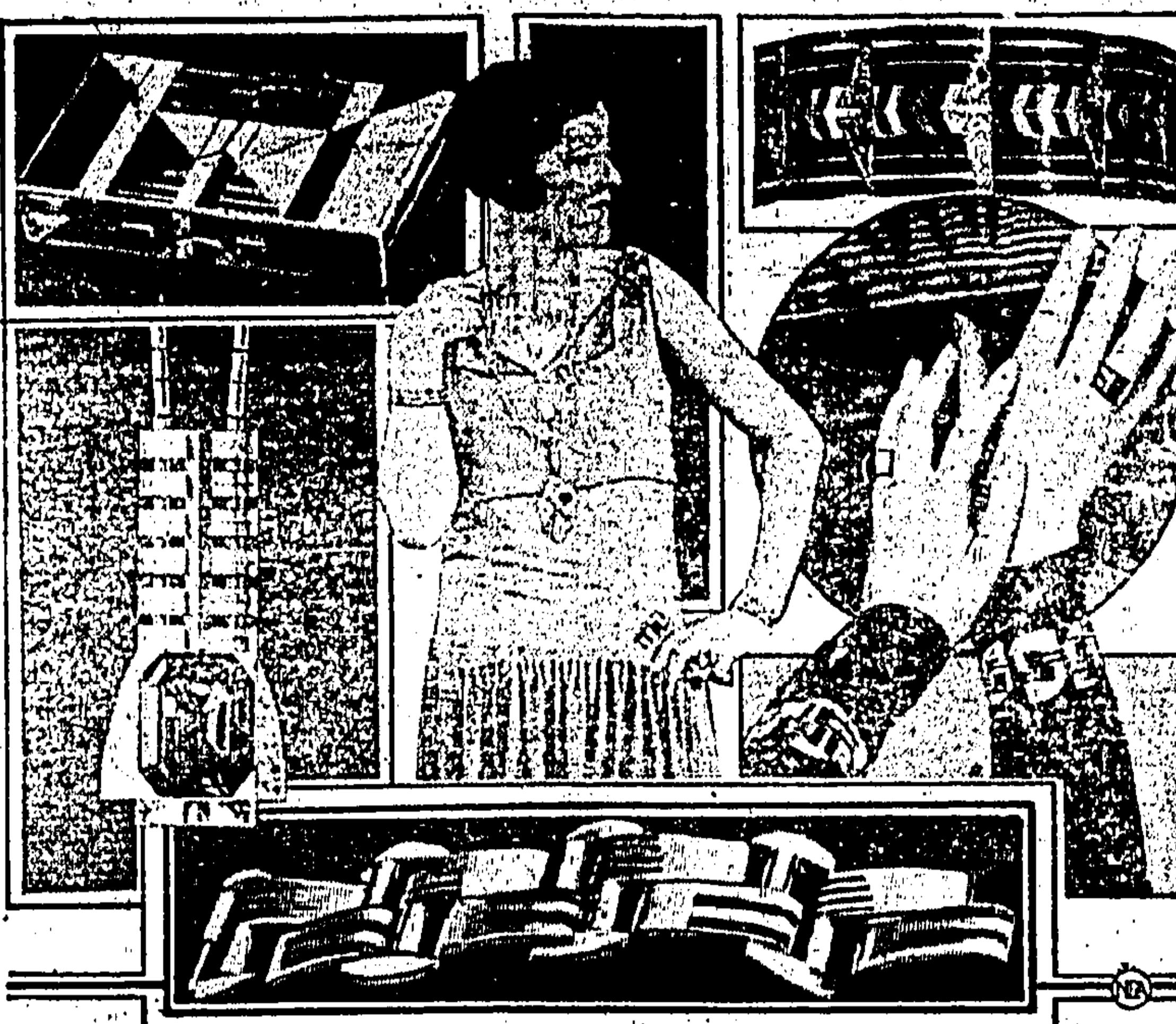
Modern children express their opinions with absolute freedom. Not only do they express their opinions, but they think nothing of flatly contradicting their elders. Unfortunately they are often right, for modern children live in an age of constant change, and it is second nature to them to adapt themselves to their surroundings.

The reason why modern parents fail is that they are inconsistent. They allow their children to talk, argue, and contradict for a certain length of time, then suddenly their old-fashioned ideas get the better

The average girl knows that money talks—but seldom gives itself away.

WOMAN'S WORLD  
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## Modern Trend Reflected in the New Jewellery.



The modern trend in dress is reflected in new jewellery. There is an exotic ensemble effect to the jewellery shown centre. A cuff bracelet is made of gold with modernistic lacquer work (upper right). Modernistic designs pattern a cigarette case (upper left). A diamond pendant has a 70-carat sapphire (left, centre). Rings and bracelets are "twins" (right, centre). Modernistic links make up an exotic bracelet of gold or silver (below).

## Difficult Parents.

## MUST NOT EXPECT PERFECT CHILDREN.

A great deal is written about difficult children, but little is said about difficult parents. If these unfortunate children who are constantly being criticised in print could express their thoughts on paper, I wonder what they would have to say about their parents?

The greatest fault of present-day parents is inconsistency. And this inconsistency is the direct consequence of their own upbringing.

There have always been naughty children, and there will be till the end of time, but it seems to me that children are not so wantonly mischievous as they were some years ago. Nowadays children's lives are crammed full of interests. They are out to enjoy every moment of their life. Why shouldn't they, if they do their duty?

Modern children, as a rule, are so reasonable that there is no necessity to thrash them. A quiet talk at night, in my opinion, does far more good. Constant nagging is very bad. It only makes children sulky.

Healthy children, who are surrounded by love and understanding and who have plenty to occupy their surplus energies, are seldom really troublesome. If only parents would try to be consistent in their treatment and meet their children halfway I am sure the problem of difficult children would soon be solved.

None of us is perfect. Why should we expect to have perfect children?

## Novelties for Golfers.

## Parents Lose their Tempers.

This treatment naturally irritates the children, and they become defiant. They start reasoning with their parents. Modern children are born reasoners. Unfortunately, their parents' upbringing has not fitted them to cope with the subtleties of their children's minds. They realise this, and weakly lose their tempers, and so place all the winning cards in the hands of their children.

In spite of all, modern children are true blue. They may look upon their parents as quaint old dodos, and be amused at their funny ways, but they love them and are keen to be friendly pals with them, if only they will respond to their overtures.

There have always been naughty children, and there will be till the end of time, but it seems to me that children are not so wantonly mischievous as they were some years ago. Nowadays children's lives are crammed full of interests. They are out to enjoy every moment of their life. Why shouldn't they, if they do their duty?

Modern children, as a rule, are so reasonable that there is no necessity to thrash them. A quiet talk at night, in my opinion, does far more good. Constant nagging is very bad. It only makes children sulky.

Healthy children, who are surrounded by love and understanding and who have plenty to occupy their surplus energies, are seldom really troublesome. If only parents would try to be consistent in their treatment and meet their children halfway I am sure the problem of difficult children would soon be solved.

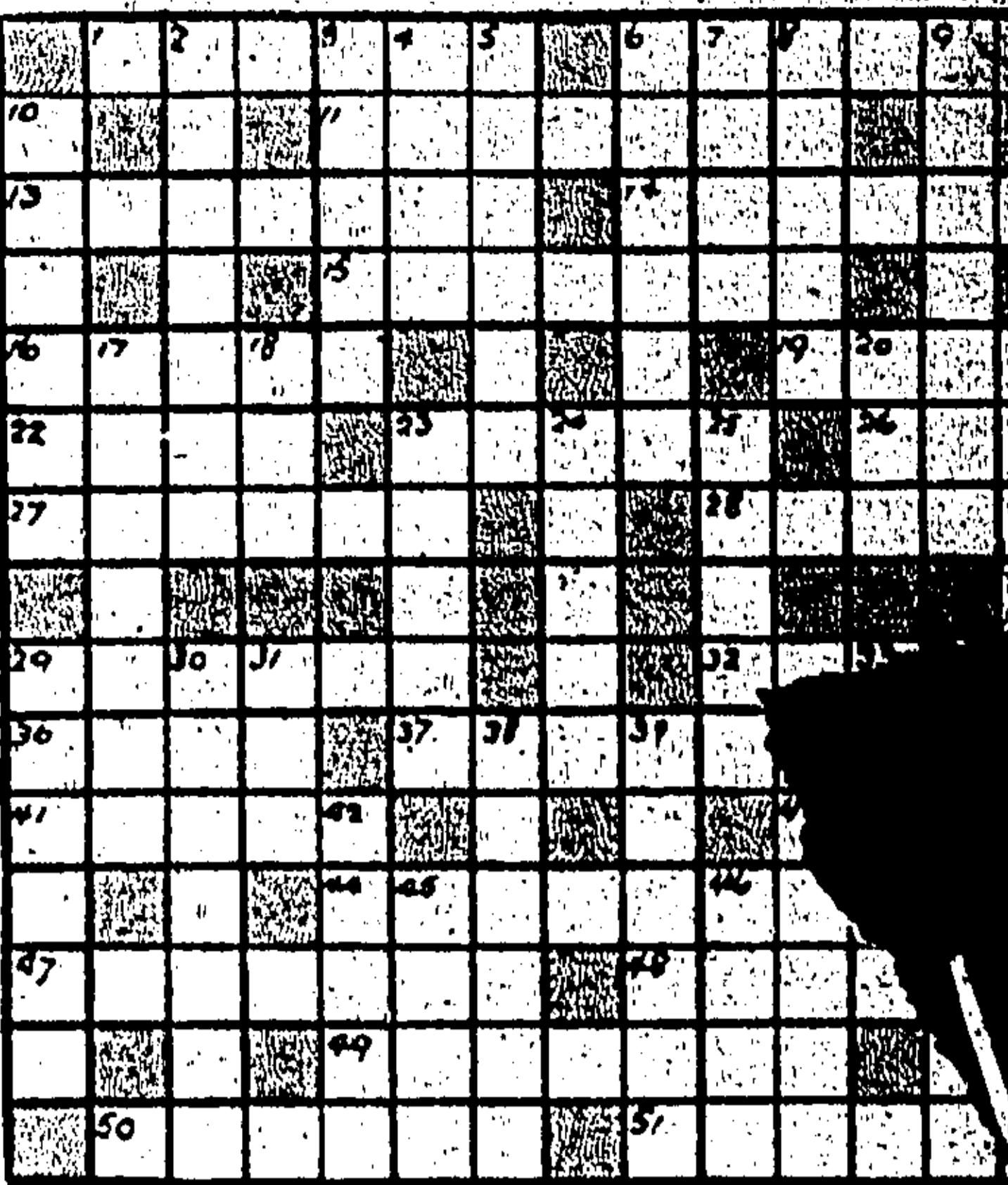
A combined scorer and tee holder is obtainable in a neat leather case with 12 coloured erinoid tees, pencil and ivorine score-card. The ever-popular zip fastener is now employed for golf ball satchels; one holding 12 balls can be procured for 7s. 6d., and a larger size that costs 10s. 6d. will hold 18 balls, gloves, &c.

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15 Institute of wings.  
16 Consecrated.  
19 Tracts of sandy soil.  
22 Whip.  
23 Prepares for publication.  
24 Short tail.  
27 Think highly of.  
28 Defected persons.  
29 Floating on the surface.  
32 Open.  
36 Successively.  
37 Sudden heavy flood.  
40 Design on metal.  
41 Islands.  
43 Speak derisively.  
44 Polish.  
47 Complete publication.  
48 Knowledge.  
49 Maker.  
50 Harmonises.  
51 Plunders.

Down  
2 Reap.  
3 The ermine.  
4 Excuse.  
5 Sprinkled with salt.  
6 Private.  
7 Biblical book.  
8 Marks of a stripe.  
9 Fiction.  
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SAMOAN DANCERS.  
TWO PERFORMANCES AT STAR THEATRE.

The Samoan Dancers, who have just given two of their delightful entertainments in the Theatre Royal, will give two more in the Star Theatre to-night and to-morrow night. These will be absolutely the last opportunities for the general public of Hongkong and Kowloon to see this unique troupe. On Friday and Saturday nights they are giving two special performances in the Royal Navy Canteen Theatre, but for Service men only; and next week they leave for Haliphong and Hanoi, where they arrive just in time for the Hanoi Fair.

The programmes to-night and to-morrow night will be similar to those just presented in the Theatre Royal. They will be two hours in length, and divided into three parts, the first and last being purely Samoan and Hawaiian, the middle being purely Western. This arrangement brings out the versatility of the Samoans, especially of the two younger girls, and it serves also as a most effective contrast to the Polynesian numbers. The second night's entertainment, as in the Theatre Royal, will have entirely different music. The performances of the Samoans are so refreshing that people return to them again and again; but in bidding good-bye to their many friends in Hongkong, the Samoans want especially to show, as they could not in a single programme, just what they can do.

Appearing with a change of programme, the Samoans at the

## WOMAN FOR TRIAL OF LIBEL CHARGE

## "OBNOXIOUS" POSTCARDS

The Hove Magistrates committed to trial Elizabeth Ireland, of Eaton-road, Hove, on a charge of publishing defamatory libels on Thomas Cogswell, of the Town Hall, Cattford. Mr. Eric Neve, who prosecuted, said that Miss Ireland alleged that the assessment of her property at Lewisham was wrongfully raised from £42 to £114 and that she had no opportunity of appeal. She protested in the form of obnoxious postcards some of which she addressed to Mr. Thomas Cogswell, the dishonest Town Clerk of Lewisham. Mr. Cogswell was not the Town Clerk, but the accountant.

One of the postcards, addressed to "the thief and scoundrel Mr. Thomas Cogswell, c/o the dishonest Mayor," read:

"As you do nothing to stop the Town Clerk swindling me by raising my assessment from £42 to £114, you must be an equally dishonest man."

Theatre Royal last night gave an entertainment, which, for brightness and for the many unusual items presented, could be unreservedly commended to the attention of theatre-goers. Halfway, in songs and dances, interspersed with jazzy songs and dances, kept an appreciative audience in thoroughly good terms with the players, and the applause which accompanied every item was of generous nature.

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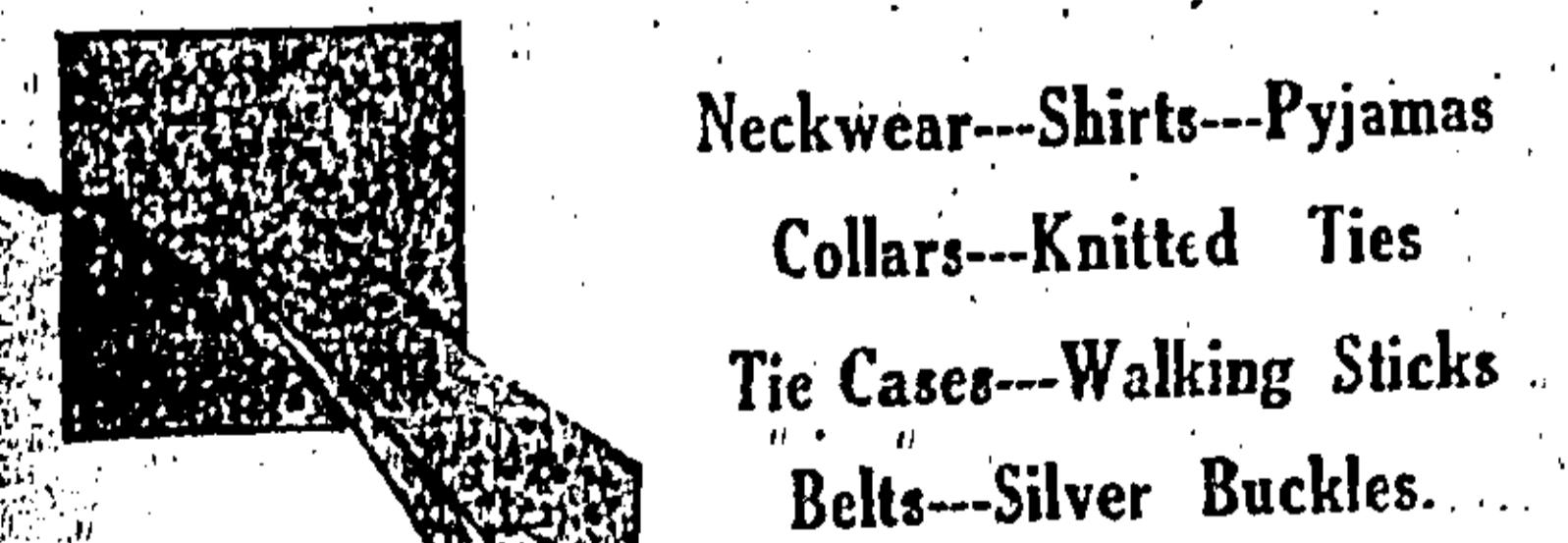
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## BIRTH.

COATES.—At the French Hospital, on 1st December, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Coates, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 4, 1929.

## THE MUKDEN PUZZLE.

It does not take a great deal of perspicacity to recognise that much dissimulation is going on in regard to the matter of Mukden's acceptance of the Soviet's preliminary terms for the settlement of the C.E.R. dispute. First news of Mukden's compliance with the conditions laid down in the ultimatum of July last came last week in a Tass Agency statement. This was so definite in form that it left no room for doubt that Chang Hsueh-ling had surrendered to Russia. Since then, there have been reports from other sources which have confirmed the fact that Mukden has agreed to the reinstatement of the Russian Manager and Assistant Manager of the Railway and also consented to the restoration of the *status quo*. The latest confirmation is the report of the settlement of the dispute, although the terms have been slightly modified. The variations, however, are the result of negotiations and represent a concession to China in return for the dismissal of Mr. Liu, the Chinese Chairman of the Railway.

It is interesting, in analysing this question, to recall that nearly two weeks ago information was published in Shanghai, from Japanese sources, that Mukden was about to negotiate with the Soviet direct, but that the report was categorically denied by the spokesman of the Nanking Foreign Office. When, a few days later, the Russian report came through, it did not take long for Dr. C. T. Wang flatly to deny that Mukden had agreed to negotiate independently of Nanking. Now comes the chairman of a body named the Public Enlightenment Committee of Mukden with a denial that the Russian terms have been accepted and an unimpressive story to the effect that Mukden has only, through the medium of the Nanking Government, "expressed a desire for peace." In the face of such statements, so much at variance with the actual facts, it is small wonder that Mr. Henderson has stated in the House of Commons that it is difficult to ascertain precisely what is happening. Ruling out the obviously biased declarations, it seems be-

yond question that Chang Hsueh-ling did agree to the Soviet terms. Whether he did so entirely off his own bat, fearing that Russia's forces would push on to Harbin, and then informed Nanking later; or whether he acted with Nanking's cognisance, may one day be disclosed. There are all manner of possibilities in the situation as between Mukden and Nanking, even to the extent of an attempt being made to "double-cross" the Soviet.

This Mukden business is typical of much that happens in Chinese affairs. Again we get, as we have so often had before, spirited denials of unpleasant facts. To take only two relatively recent distortions of actual happenings, there was the story some weeks ago of the Ironsides being decimated; then, from the North, came the tale of Feng Yu-hsiang being a prisoner in the hands of Yen Shi-shan. Not only from the Nationalist side, either, do obvious mis-statements emanate; it is the same with every faction. The truth is made subservient to propaganda. The folly of these methods is apparent, for, in the long run, truth will out. As the saying goes, "facts are chiefs that winna ding."

## The Hoover Budget.

President Hoover's first Budget, the preliminary details of which are published to-day, will attract considerable public attention, partly because of the hopes entertained of a complete understanding on naval disarmament, and partly because of the disastrous financial crash on Wall Street. Speculation regarding the possible influence of these not unimportant factors proves, however, to be without foundation.

Those who anticipated sensational proposals, drastic cutting of naval and military expenditure, or vigorous measures to combat any possible effects of the Stock Exchange debacle, will be woefully disappointed. The only definite indication that knowledge of the crash has reached the White House is contained in the confirmation of the reduction in income tax recommended by Mr. Mellon. That defensive preparations are considered to be any less vital in consequence of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's visit or the approach of the proposed five-power naval conference, is by no means apparent. On the contrary, naval and military expenditure for next year is placed

at \$846,000,000 (approximately £170,000,000) representing an increase of \$19,000,000 though it is to be noted that two new Navy dirigibles, of a size unstated, are embraced in these figures. Nevertheless, it is somewhat surprising to find the United States budgeting for an increase at this particular time. It is an example which most assuredly will not be followed by Mr. Philip Snowden. The United States, which refuses to be embroiled in European diplomacy and maintains an attitude of splendid isolation, now has a defence budget equal to one-fifth the expenditure of the whole world in this direction, the figure being based on a very careful analysis of the armament situation by the London *Economist* recently. Three new cruisers are to be laid down towards the end of the fiscal year and the Navy also requires a new aircraft carrier. On the military side, the expenditure shows a minor increase, though an increase of any kind does not fit in with the declaration some few weeks back that all possible economies and reductions were to be effected. President Hoover budgets for a surplus, despite the income tax reduction, and the huge sums to be spent on the farm relief programme, and his fiscal proposals may be summarised as contributing a great more to America's industrial future than to the pacification of the world, an attitude which is probably well founded.

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## EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 3.
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New York	4.88 1/10
Brussels	34.87
Geneva	25.12
Amsterdam	12.094
Milan	93.195
Berlin	29.38
Stockholm	18.125
Copenhagen	18.105
Oslo	18.205
Vienna	24.67
Prague	105
Helsingfors	194.4
Madrid	35.195
Lisbon	102.25
Athens	276
Bucharest	817
Rio	5.13/10
Buenos Aires	46.5/10
Rome	1/5/2
Shanghai	2/2/4
Hong Kong	1/8/4
Yokohama	2.03/82
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British Wireless	

Major E. D. Caddell, of the R.A.M.C., has taken over the position of Hon. Secretary of the United Services Recreation Club from Major Charles, who is due to leave for Home early next year.

## DAY BY DAY.

NOBODY CAN HELP BEING BORN  
STUPID, BUT ANYBODY CAN HELP  
BECOMING STUPIDER THAN HE WAS  
BORN.—Lady Helen Forbes.

The P. and O. s.s. Rawalpindi, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. J. M. Alves returned to the Colony on the Asanha Maru.

The P. & O. s.s. Kalyan from Hongkong arrived at London on the 1st December at 10 p.m.

The Empress of Canada, which left Hongkong on the 16th November, arrived at Vancouver on the 2nd December.

Lady Clementi has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to students of the Peak School at the Peak Club on Friday, December 20.

Plaing guilty to a charge of extending the water service without permission, the occupier of No. 113, Laichikot Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A Sale of Works will be held in St. Stephen's Girls' College, Kwoi Siu Lau Hill, by the students of the College and Fairlawn School, in aid of the Ministering Children's League, to-morrow. Mrs. H. T. Creasy will perform the opening ceremony at 11 o'clock.

On a charge of being in possession of 50 catties of dead pine branches, reasonably suspected of having been cut from the Government Plantation at Kowloon City, an elderly Chinese woman, who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was fined \$10 or 14 days' imprisonment in default.

An application for a remand for further inquiries to be made was granted by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Inspector Ogg charged a housewife in the employ of Mr. M. H. Large, of 2, Tores Building, with theft of \$30 from his master's safe. The defendant was remanded for twenty-four hours.

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## DEATH OF MR. ANDREW FORBES.

SUCCUMBS AT HOME AFTER  
MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Many of the older residents of the Colony have learned with the utmost regret of the death at home of Mr. Andrew Forbes, who succumbed in Newbury District Hospital on October 19th as a consequence of being accidentally knocked down by a motor-car.

The late Mr. Forbes, who was 57 years of age, after training for a mercantile career, spent ten years with the firm of Sinclair, Hamilton and Co., of London. He came to Hongkong in 1898 and was for some years a partner in Messrs. Bradley and Co. Later, he took a partnership in Messrs. Harry Woking and Co., and then he started business on his own, with offices in Union Building. He was, during his residence in Hongkong, for some years Director of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, the British Traders Company and the China Fire Insurance Company.

Some few years ago, he left Hongkong on retirement, but once since he made a brief visit to the Colony. He was a keen and able business man, whilst in social life he was very popular, being a man of sterling worth and an altogether charming personality.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Forbes, as well as for the deceased's daughter, Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, who is a well-known Hongkong resident.

COUNCIL MEETING  
TO-MORROW.FIVE NEW BILLS TO BE  
INTRODUCED.

The Legislative Council is to meet to-morrow afternoon, when the Attorney General will move the first reading of the following Bills:

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Deparation Ordinance, 1917.

The Attorney General will also move the second reading of an Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance, 1921 and of an Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will move the second reading of an Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hongkong of the Portuguese Province of the Jesuit Order and of an Ordinance to amend the Jesuit Order Incorporation Ordinance, 1927.

POLICE SERGEANT  
IN TROUBLE.ACCUSED OF KICKING A  
WOMAN.

Charge of common assault, in which serious allegations are made, was preferred against Pi Shih-hau, a Shunting Police Sergeant at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham ordered a remand of 48 hours in police custody.

The complainant is Lo Chak, a married woman, aged 50, living in Eastern Street, who alleges that the sergeant attacked her and kicked her in the stomach, causing such severe injury that she had to be immediately conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital, where her condition has given rise to some anxiety. She was unable to attend the Court this morning, and a remand was ordered for two days in order to allow her time to recover.

It is stated that the cause of the trouble was that the woman attempted to hinder the policeman in the execution of his duty, representing his intrusion into a matter which she considered was purely domestic.

## PIGS AND POULTRY.

TWO CHINESE FINED FOR  
CRUELTY.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS RULING.

KUOMINTANG NOT TO INTERVENE.

AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT MUST BE SHOWN.

## IMMIGRANT ISSUES.

Swatow, Nov. 30. An interesting attempt on the part of the Nanking Government to adjust rule by the Party to the exigencies of foreign affairs is shown in an order published by the authorities here.

In all executive action relating to foreigners or foreign countries the name of the Party (i.e. the Kuomintang) is to be carefully avoided. The full and sole authority of the Government must be shown. Within the country, however, the party organisations have direct access to the relative organs of the Government. City branches of the Kuomintang are on a par with the municipal government, district branches with the district magistracies, and provincial branches with the provincial government.

## Why the Order?

With what reference these regulations are made, it would be interesting to know. That foreign countries would be impatient at the suggestion of direct participation of the Party in international affairs is easily to be deduced from the general distrust of the relation of the Third International with the Russian Government; nor do foreign nations welcome the domination of the Italian nation by the Fascist Party.

In China's recent foreign relations, however, the intrusion of the Party has not been so obvious as in interference with the administration of justice. It is possible that in matters relating to those countries near to China which receive large numbers of Chinese immigrants the activities of the Party is distinct from, equal to, the Government have been resented.

## Thirty Robbers Shot.

It is manifestly to the disadvantage of China that her attitude to near neighbours should be defined by the activities of the Party, if for no other reason than that over against a foreign Government the representatives of the Party have no standing, and can be suppressed or expelled without any investigation of the reasonableness or otherwise of such policies as they represent.

## Obnoxious Emisaries.

Whether there is any connexion between the activities of Kuomintang emissaries in neighbouring countries and this order or not, it is certain that such emissaries have been making themselves obnoxious recently. Men expelled from Siam, from Annam and from Java have found their way to Swatow, been received there and then have gone to report to Nanking, with what degree of success it remains to be seen. One would think that the Foreign Minister might be embarrassed by their zeal.

Whatever the justice of the agitation they have undertaken, it is not surprising that the Siamese, French and Dutch Governments have resented the organisation of Kuomintang branches in their territories, when they have become centres of criticism of their respective Governments.

## Siamese Trouble.

In Siam, the question which has been agitated seems to have been in part the requirements of the Government that teachers in Chinese schools should pass an examination in Siamese or lose their places. The Kuomintang representative who took the matter up and has now been expelled from Siam attempted to deal with it partly by agitation and partly by starting a school for training such teachers. At what point he offended the Government is not clear; but one of his activities was to start a newspaper printed bilingually, in Siamese and in Chinese. As he points out in an interview that the Siamese papers depend largely on translation from Western papers, and adopt a deprecatory tone towards China, it is not difficult to see how he might get into trouble.

His proposals for the consideration of Nanking include the establishment of a school for the teaching of the Siamese language in Swatow, the provision of hostels and clubs for the use of emigrants on their way to and from Siam in Swatow, Amoy and Haichow, and vigorous action by the Government in taking up Chinese grievances with the Siamese Government.

## Java Issues.

The representative from Java was expelled for agitation over a question of registration. The Chinese Consul-General is said to have ordered his nationals to register at the Consulate, while

## SWATOW REGION QUIETER.

## FEAR OF WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS REMOVED.

## COMMUNIST REVERSE.

Swatow, Nov. 30. Some days ago the Military Headquarters found it necessary to put out a proclamation denying the rumours that the 61st Brigade under the command of General Chiang Kuo-wei, was to be moved at once to Canton. Rumour had been busy, and in fact it was expected by the troops themselves that they were to be hurriedly moved, in view of the threat to Canton from Kwangsi.

There is no doubt that conflicting orders were issued. Eventually, however, it became clear that the division was to remain, and the countryside has as a consequence become much quieter.

The alarm coincided with another attempt by Communists on the city of Kaying (Mossien). A slight engagement took place outside the city and a commander of gendarmerie was killed. The danger to the small garrison remained, but when the rumour went round that the soldiers were to leave, great apprehension spread not only through the city but widely over the neighbouring districts. As the form of the rumour was that the Communist menace was negligible compared with the threat to Canton, it is not surprising that there was consternation.

It is satisfactory that in spite of the situation in Canton and in spite of the number of Communists scattered through the districts, there is at the time of writing a greater feeling of security. There has been for some months, that may be illusory and in certainty but local. The fact, however, that the Communists have suffered a defeat, and that they have found it impossible to shake off the defence force or make headway in new directions, has restored confidence and shown that the peril is less than was feared.

## Thirty Robbers Shot.

In this connexion the speedy restoration of order in the Kit-yang district is important. A month ago, banditry was spreading rapidly through the villages, and the Communist force being still undefeated in the north, had characters everywhere were encouraged. At the time there was, too, a weak magistrate in control. That official has been superseded by a new man with an established reputation for dealing with disturbed regions. He is living up to his reputation.

In a few weeks a change has come over the whole district. He has tackled the problem with resolution and promptitude. The result is that without undue fuss and no display of military force he has rounded up the prominent robbers in the main villages, and would-be disturbers of the peace are suddenly deprived of leadership.

In the last few days some thirty of these recent terrorisers of the neighbourhood have been put to trial in the district city.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

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## British Care.

It is probable that there are many things in connexion with Chinese emigration to various countries that need to be carefully watched; in British colonies there are already special means of keeping a paternal eye on Chinese emigrants, and checking abuses to which such a class is obviously open.

Undoubtedly the alliance of any agitation on their behalf with a political organisation which may exert undue influence in the internal affairs of the country concerned is the surest way to prevent any good coming from the agitation. It may be some such consideration that is behind the recent order of the Government that Party and Government activity are not to be confused in foreign affairs.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

## THE POPULARITY CONTEST.

## "MISS SHANGHAI" CASE IS QUASHED.

## MISS KWOK'S TITLE.

Shanghai, Dec. 3. The perplexing question of deciding the "legal" "Miss Shanghai" which at one time proved too much for Judge Li Moh at the Provisional Court has been settled, the case being quashed to-day.

The Court was asked to make a ruling on the "legality" of Miss Elsie Kwok winning the popularity contest title by accepting 89,000 votes from another candidate in the last hour of the contest thus tipping the balance in her favour, and the judge ordered counsel for both sides to attempt to reach a settlement outside of court.

After the contest had been decided in favour of Miss Kwok some dissatisfaction arose in the ranks of the losing contestants over the award and the question was put to a board of arbitration which also decided in Miss Kwok's favour.

She had the option of winning a motor car or a trip to Hollywood and she chose the former, but considerable difficulty arose in getting the delivery of the car, and the matter dragged on with Miss Kwok being the acknowledged winner of the car, yet not receiving title to it.

There matters rested until eight alleged purchasers of tickets and votes asked the Provisional Court to set aside the ruling of the board of arbitration which decided in favour of Miss Kwok; and award the title to Miss Yu Dan-han.

The attempt to settle the matter failed, and when the case was again brought to Court, the Judge quashed the action and decided that Miss Kwok's title should stand.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

## THE SOVIET TEA TRADE.

## EFFECT OF SINO-RUSSIAN DISPUTE.

## BRITAIN BENEFITS.

London, Dec. 3. One possible development of the Sino-Russian dispute, a redistribution of the tea trade, was discussed in the House of Commons at question-time to-day, when Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, told the House that the data at present available was insufficient to show the effects of the dispute on the imports of tea to Russia.

The trade statistics of the United Kingdom showed that during the three months, August to October, the re-exports to Russia of tea into the United Kingdom from British India and Ceylon were substantially greater than during the corresponding periods of 1927 and 1928.

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This suggests that while the registration with the local authorities was effective, that with the Consulate was a means of making money; otherwise, one cannot see why the pressure by the representative should be necessary. His expulsion was, he claims, objected to by the Consul.

As to the position of the Kuomintang in Java, he reports that until the unification of China it was an illegal organisation, but that since then it has been recognised. At the same time the new Consul-General secured a guarantee from the Java Government that Chinese immigrants should be immune from being struck or manhandled by the police.

## British Care.

It is probable that there are many things in connexion with Chinese emigration to various countries that need to be carefully watched; in British colonies there are already special means of keeping a paternal eye on Chinese emigrants, and checking abuses to which such a class is obviously open.

Undoubtedly the alliance of any agitation on their behalf with a political organisation which may exert undue influence in the internal affairs of the country concerned is the surest way to prevent any good coming from the agitation. It may be some such consideration that is behind the recent order of the Government that Party and Government activity are not to be confused in foreign affairs.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

## AN OPIUM RAID REVELATION.

## SOMETHING NEW IN WAY OF PACKING.

## POSSESSOR IN COURT.

Shanghai, Dec. 3. That he discovered something quite new in the packing of illicit opium was stated by Revenue Officer Grimmell, when he recounted to Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a raid he carried out at 163, Des Voeux Road, West, on November 2nd, the result of which was the appearance in the dock of two Chinese charged with having ten taels of raw opium in their possession.

The officer said that he carried out the raid about 8.30 p.m. when he found both of the defendants sitting on a bed in the rear cubicle of the second floor. The second defendant was writing something on a piece of paper. On a chest of drawers, he found a large packet, containing five small packets, in each of which were two taels of opium. They were packed in an entirely new way, the design on the paper being very curious.

He asked the second defendant who the opium belonged to, and he replied that it was the first defendant's. The first defendant then became excited and accused his companion, and the two proceeded to argue at great length. At the demand of the second defendant produced a key for the only drawer that was locked, and in it witness found a \$10 bill, together with some \$1 bills and 10 cents pieces. The first defendant admitted that it was his money and later said that they both lived in the cubicle for which they paid \$10 a month.

To the Magistrate, the first defendant said he lived in the cubicle on his own. The second defendant came to visit him on that particular evening and he never slept there. He knew nothing about the opium being in the room, and assumed that it must have been left there by a seafaring friend of his, who had paid him a visit earlier in the evening.

The second defendant also denied all knowledge of the parcel being in the room.

The Magistrate decided to convict the first defendant, as he considered that, as tenant of the room, the onus was upon him to show how the opium came into his possession. He would be fined \$300 or three months' hard labour. The second defendant would be discharged, although he thought that he really ought to send them both to prison.

"KID" MARRIOTT AS PROSECUTOR.

CATCHES WORKER WITH STOLEN COPPER.

Mr. Henry ("Kid") Marriott, of the Kowloon Dock Company appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in the role of prosecutor against an odd job worker of the yard who was charged with theft of four pounds of copper.

The defendant pleaded guilty. It was stated by Sergeant Banks that the defendant was arrested by Mr. Marriott as he was about to leave the docks by one of the launches at 7.30 a.m. on Monday, and, when searched, the copper was found hidden on him. It was thought that the metal had been cut from a pipe on board the s.s. Chak Sung.

The defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

## Without Foundation.

Tokyo, Dec. 3. It is learned officially that Japan has no intention of supporting the Anglo-Franco-American representations to China and Russia, on the ground of the Kellogg Pact.

Official circles apparently feel that joint representations at this stage will hinder instead of help Mukden and Moscow to come to terms. It is suggested here that there are already signs that China is interpreting the Powers' action as favourable towards China, and consequently is stiffening her attitude.—*Reuter*.

## Japan's Deprecation.

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Mukden's Terms.

Shanghai, Dec. 3. A message from Mukden says Chang Hauch-jiang, the Chinese representative at the Harbinovsk conference, to submit the following points:

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[By "Wanderer."]

Something of an innovation has been arranged for boxing fans keenly interested in the big boxing tournament coming off on Saturday night. The principals in the two main events of the evening, the heavyweight and welterweight championships of the Colony, complete their training to-day and to-morrow and an opportunity is being afforded the public of witnessing their final work-outs. The "Cornwall" camp, in which Lending Stoker Mann, the heavyweight contender, and A. B. Jock Creighton, Morris's opponent, are to be found, round off their preparations to-morrow.

A. B. Rowles, the I.S.B.A. light-heavy-weight champion, and champion of the China Squadron, trains with Lending Stoker Morris, who defeated his opponent of Saturday next, in the final of the China Squadron Welter-weight championship (in a three rounds contest). Rowles will show his paces to-night with A. B. Ewin as his sparring partner.

The most convenient time for seeing them at work at the V.R.C. both to-day and to-morrow is round about five o'clock.

Anyone with a shadow of doubt regarding the quality of the sport to be provided at the Boxing Association's first venture of the season should certainly go along. I fancy he will be thoroughly satisfied unless he possesses the strange temperament which prevents its owner from being satisfied with anything.

The Association last night announced three six-round contests in support of the two fifteen-rounder championships events.

Marine Fraser, a former holder of the Hongkong welterweight championship belt, will meet A. B. Clayton, a more than useful performer of H.M.S. Berwick, at the welterweight limit.

"Kid" Campbell, a local welter-weight boxer, as well as a useful soccer player, will find him in opposition to A. B. Lee, of H.M.S. Seppys.

Private Hume, of the K.O.S.B., whose ability to put up a great fight whatever the opposition has often been demonstrated, is to meet Lending Signalman Wells, H.M.S. Marazion.

The programme loses nothing in attractiveness by the announcement of the preliminary events, that is obvious. If the support at present forthcoming continues, late-comers will find the "Full House" Notices up. One request has been made for the booking of a block of a hundred and fifty seats.

**LOCAL HOCKEY.**

**SOMERSETS JUST WIN OVER  
NAVY.**

A very well-contested game on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, between the Navy and the Somersets, resulted in the latter winning by three goals to two. From the first bully-off to the final whistle the game was fast and even. Teams:

Navy.—Lt. Woods; F. O. Webb, A. B. Laslett; L. A. C. Harris, Surg. Cdr. Free, Lt. Fenton, Lt. Evans; F. O. Wallac, Lt. Magnay, Lt. Stevenson, Lt. Smallwood.

Somersets.—Haywards, Crawley, Martin; Leigh Major, Phibby, Capt. Strachey; Lt. Evans, Hall, Denmead, Phillips, A. N. Other.

For the opening ten minutes, play was confined to midfield, the defences being too strong to be penetrated by the forwards, but the Somersets finally got down to the Navy line, where two corners were forced. These were quite easily cleared by the Navy, and some fast end-to-end play ensued, the ball travelling quickly from one circle to the other. After a good run by the Navy on the left, the scoring was opened by Lt. Smallwood with a good shot. The Somersets attacked right from the centre bully-off, and Captain Strachey got in a fine shot from a very sharp angle. Even, through

**GARRISON NEWS.**

**H.M.S. BERWICK CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.**

The cross-country team race organised by H.M.S. Berwick with the Cap presented by Lt. Cdr. Woolerton and Lt. Dallison, was run last Sunday at Tolo. The course was over some rough country, and was about four miles and a thousand yards long. Some good times were put up, the winner coming in in 27 minutes, 50 seconds.

Very good team-work was put up by the Forecastle, who had their six men home in the first twelve. Seven teams competed, Forecastle being an easy first with 211 points, "The Top" being next with 168, and E. I. third with 131 points. The latter had three good runners who obtained 107 points between them, and had the other three got somewhere the front, the score would have been much closer to the leaders.

The first fifteen home will represent the Berwick in the "Titans" Cup, the race for which is shortly to be held.

**Inter-Command Move.**

Captain and Quartermaster W. B. Thorpe, R.A.S.C., has sailed "from Shanghai on s.s. Pengtung, on posting to Tientsin for duty."

**Football Match.**

The 20th (H) Battery, R.A., failed to improve on their losing sequence in a match against "H" Company, S.L.I., at Sankungpo yesterday afternoon, in the Hongkong Area Football League. The Somersets were too strong for the Gunners, and won by seven clear goals. S.S.L. O'Flaherty, R.A.M.C., refereed the game, the teams turning out as under:

20th (H) Battery, R.A.—Goodson; Ribone, Bacon; Gorst, Dunning, Harris; Koerner, Dean, Dryden, Wood, Leary.

"B" Coy., S.L.I.—Reano; Donovan, Leyshon; Cornelius, Hulsh, Townsend; Rendall, Hicks, Savagir, Sennett, Cotton.

The Gunners kicked off to a late start, but the Somersets were the first to attack, and Hicks narrowly missed scoring soon after the commencement.

The Somersets got going and Hulsh sent over a good pass to Cotton, who centred to Savagir, but Bacon intercepted the pass and got the Artillery forward line going again, being first in forcing a corner, but Donovan cleared the kick well, repeating himself a moment or two later, when another corner was obtained by the Artillery from a free-kick.

Another free-kick to the Gunners also resulted in an unproductive corner.

Hicks missed a splendid chance, with only Goodson to beat, but the first goal was only postponed a few minutes. Cotton running in on the left and centring to Savagir, who shot past Goodson with a rising ball. The Cotton-Savagir combination again got away from the kick-off, the latter heading in Cotton's fine centre, with Goodson unable to get near the ball.

The Gunners could not keep the Somersets out at this stage, and Cotton scored a goal from a header. Following on some midfield play, the Artillery managed to get nearer to the Somersets line, but a stout defence prevented them doing more than look dangerous. Close on half-time, Rendall got away on the right and sent a fast low shot that Goodson could not stop.

Exchanges were fairly even at the restart, but the Somersets gradually drew out from the Gunners through superior combination. Rendall ran down on the right for the Somersets, but Bacon cleared, and relieved the pressure, though only for a minute, when Hulsh sent a pass to Savagir, who shot from close range, giving Goodson little chance to save. The latter was besieged, and had hard work to clear good drives from both Cotton and Savagir. A break-away on the part of the Gunners' front line was unsupported, the halves remaining too far back, and the Somersets got to the goal-mouth again, where Savagir headed in from a scrimmage.

Another break-away by the Artillery came to naught, and just before the end of the game, Savagir scored his fifth goal of the match after Cotton had made the opening.

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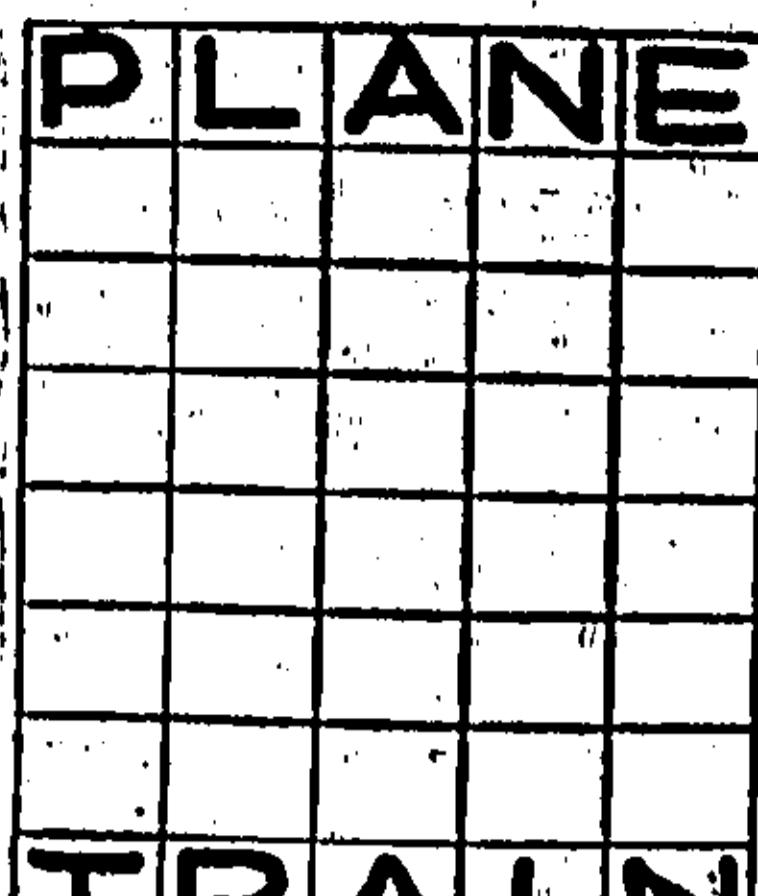
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2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

## AMERICAN STEEL.

BETHLEHEM COMPANY IN  
BIG AMALGAMATION.

New York, Dec. 3.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation, following in the footsteps of its rival, the United States Steel Corporation, has entered a big amalgamation scheme whereby it extends its operations in the far west of America, acquiring property and assets of the Pacific Coast Steel Company and the Southern California Iron and Steel Company, with a steel ingot capacity of 380,000 tons annually. —*Reuters American Service.*

## PROVISIONAL COURT.

CHINESE PROPOSALS FOR  
CONFERENCE.

Nanking, Dec. 3.

It is announced that the Chinese Commissioners have set December 9 as the opening date for the Sino-foreign conference relative to the reorganisation of the Shanghai Provisional Court.

It is stated that notifications to that effect are being despatched to the foreign delegates concerned, most of whom are in Shanghai.

It is understood the Japanese delegates will not participate.

The Chinese Commissioners are stated to have decided to propose that the Provisional Court shall be converted into a purely Chinese judicial organ. —*Reuters.*

## TELEGRAPH LOAN.

CHINA'S TERMINATION OF  
SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

Nanking, Dec. 3.

In connexion with the proposed Telegraph Loan of ten million dollars, it is learned that three million will be used to construct radio stations, and four million for the settlement of obligations to the Great Northern and Eastern Extension Telegraph Companies in order that the special privileges granted to them may be terminated. —*Reuters.*

## HUGE FRENCH PRIZE.

COSTE AND BELLONTE MAY  
GET MILLION FRANCS.

Paris, Dec. 3.

Coste and Bellonte are prospective winners of the Government prize of a million francs to be awarded to any French aviator who, with French material, breaks the world's long distance record before the end of the year. —*Reuters.*

## EMPLOYER SUED.

CHAUFFEUR'S OBJECTION TO  
ILL-FITTING UNIFORM.

An Indian chauffeur, who refused to wear his peak-cap on the ground that the rest of his uniform did not fit him and was discharged in consequence, sued his former employer in the Summary Court before the Puiseux Judge yesterday in a claim for wages due, but failed to establish his case. Plaintiff, Mohan Singh, No. 159, Wan Chai Road, second floor, sued Mr. E. G. Artega, Alexandra Building, claiming \$90 wages for November and December, this year, less \$22 paid, leaving a balance of \$68. Plaintiff conducted his own case and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, defended. Giving evidence, plaintiff said he was engaged by defendant in either May or June, this year, on a monthly contract, his starting salary being \$40 per month which was raised to \$45 in November. He said he was discharged on November 18 and was paid \$18. As he had already received an advance of \$6 the amount he had actually received was \$23.

His Lordship said that payment for 18 days service would be \$27 but plaintiff denied that he received that amount. When his Lordship pointed out that plaintiff's claim on the writ set out that \$22 had been paid, plaintiff said the writ had been drawn up by a Chinese friend and that sum was a mistake as it should have been \$18.

## Objection to Cap.

In cross-examination by Mr. D'Almada, plaintiff agreed that defendant had told him to wear his proper cap but he had objected on the grounds that he could not wear his uniform because it did not fit. Plaintiff agreed that he was given a new cap which did fit but said that the uniform was not altered and he would not wear his cap until he could also wear his uniform.

Plaintiff further agreed that on November 18 he drove to town without his cap but denied that a conversation took place between himself and defendant through the medium of a Chinese interpreter. An interpreter was not present, he said, and he conversed with defendant directly in English.

Kun Chung-ice, private secretary to defendant, said he was present in the office on November 18 and acted as an interpreter between defendant and plaintiff. Defendant told plaintiff at that meeting that as he would not wear his cap he could look for another job and plaintiff replied that he did not wish to remain in defendant's employ any longer. Plaintiff further said that he wanted to go away at once but defendant told him he would have to stay until the end of the month.

His Lordship said he was satisfied that on November 18 arrangements were made by which the contract of service was cancelled by mutual agreement and that defendant had received \$22 plus \$5 in advance, making \$27 pay for 18 days. Judgment would be given for defendant with costs.

## SOUTH POLE FLIGHT.

## COMMENT AND CRITICISM.

New York, Dec. 3. Comdr. Byrd's South Pole flight is described as a "speculation in sensations" by Major Gran (a member of Scott's expedition in 1910) who writes in a Copenhagen newspaper. "Only money now is required to become a Polar explorer." He suggests that Byrd's reports do not inspire confidence. It would be a miracle if Scott's and Amundsen's cairns, to which Byrd's report referred, were still visible from the air, while Byrd's "terrible mountains" are fantastic.

The New York Times, replying to Gran's criticisms, says none of its despatches mentioned Byrd seeing traces of cairns. The mountains aforementioned were reported between degrees eighty-six and eighty-seven South, of which Byrd speaks of seeing an "almost limitless plateau," thus Gran is correct in assuming there are no ranges south of eighty-eight degrees.

## LOCAL RADIO.

MUSICAL BROADCAST FOR  
TO-NIGHT.

A musical programme will be broadcast to-day and to-night from Station ZBW. The English records consist of varied selections, while a good programme of Chinese records will be broadcast between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The programme is given below:

6.00-6.00 p.m. Gramophone records:

"Symphonie Espagnole, for Violin  
and Orchestra."

Part 5: Rondo (first half) (Lalo;  
Op. 21) and Part 6: Rondo (com-  
pletion) (Lalo; Op. 21).

Loo Strockoff and Orchestra.

"The Prince of Rome,"

Part 1 and 2, (Beethoven),

The Milan Symphony Orchestra.

"Sea Rapture,"

(E. Hulme Beaman and Eric  
Coates).

"Sweet Phyllis,"

(Lily Strickland),

William Heseltine with Orchestra.

"The Five O'clock Girl" (Happy go  
lucky bird, Fox Trot),

(Who did? You did, Slow  
Fox Trot), (Kalmus and Ruby).

"La Palmera," (The Dove), (Yradier),

"La Golondrina," (Serradell),

Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.

"Round about a Wood,"

(Thos. Morley),

"Sleep, Gentle Lady,"

(Pianino and Bishop),

"The Salisbury Singers,

"Plauding (Morceau De Concert),"

(Haydn Wood),

"Devotion (Melodie Passionnee),"

(A. W. Ketelbey),

Organ Solo by Terence Casey.

"Obertasse—Mazurka,"

(H. Wieniawski),

"Moment Musical,"

(Schubert—Kreisler),

Violin Solo by Manucio.

"Melodie," (Gluck—Kreisler),

"Rondino," (Beethoven—Kreisler),

Violin Solo by Yelli D'Aranyi.

"Dawn of To-morrow Waltz,"

(Gravelle and Green),

"Polly, Novelty Fox Trot,"

(Zameen),

Fred Rich and His Hotel  
Astor Orchestra,

6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese records.

7.48 p.m. Weather report.

9.00-10.30 p.m. Gramophone records:

"The Music Box Revue—Selection

Part 1 and 2," (Berlin),

London Theatre Orchestra.

"Otherwise She's Mother's Kind  
of Girl," (Singers and Barker),

"A Tale of Other Times—Monologue,"

(N. Long and L. Pounds),

Norman Long.

"Romance," (Claude Debussy),

"Les Cloches,"

(Cello Solo by W. H. Squire),

"Son of Mine," (from "Freebooter  
Songs"), (W. Wallace),

"The Rebel," (from "Freebooter  
Songs"),

Paul Jones—Selection,

Part 1 and 2," (Planchette),

London Symphony Orchestra.

"Evening Song," (Schumann),

Op. 83, No. 12 (Willieke),

"Aprez Un Reve," (Faure),

Cello Solo by Gaspar Cassado,

"If you want the Rainbow, you must  
have the rain—Fox Trot,"

Ben Selvin and his Orchestra,

(Levant, Rose and Dixon),

"My beautiful Rose (Mia Bella), (John  
Fox Trot)," (Kocher and Magazine),

The Benson All Star Orchestra.

"Etude in C Sharp Minor,"

Part 1 and 2," (Chopin), Op. 25, No. 7),

Plane for Solo by Harriet Cohen.

"A Plending," (Tschaikowsky, arr. Tertis),

"Three Sketches—No. 3 the River,"

(Lionel Tertis),

Viola Solo by Lionel Tertis.

"Aida—Ritorna Vincitor,"

Part 1 and 2," (Verdi),

Eva Turner.

"Ballyhooley Races,"

John O'Leary and Billy Grey),

"Christening O'Sullivan's Child,"

(John O'Leary and Billy Grey),

Talbot O'Farrell and Charles

Penrose.

"She's Got It," Fox Trot,

(Davis, Akat and Gilbert),

"I Fell Head over Heels in Love,"

Fox Trot, (Thayer and Parsons),

Fred Rich and His Hotel  
Astor Orchestra.

"Orpheus with His Lute,"

(Shakespeare—Sullivan),

"Danny Boy,"

(Weatherly—Londonderry Air),

Dora Lubinetti with Piano.

"The Wedding of Maggie Malone,"

(O'Leary),

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#### CHARLOTTE BRONTE.

##### INFERIORITY COMPLEX IN HEROINES.

At the meeting of the English Association held yesterday evening at 6.30 in the Cathedral Hall, the chair was taken by His Excellency the Governor, President of the Association. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and adopted, His Excellency called upon His Honour Sir Henry Gollan to deliver his address on Charlotte Bronte.

Sir Henry Gollan prefaced his remarks by saying that often the study of an author's private life is immaterial to the study of his works, but that the life of Charlotte Bronte is of great importance for the understanding of the passion in that author's writings, and of the inferiority complexes found in all her heroines, with the exception of Shirley, who is saved by her happier surroundings. The other heroines expect unhappiness and are pathetically grateful for the smallest alleviations, even for a man. If we did not know of Charlotte's life at a charity school, her difficult experiences as a governess, of the tragedy of her brother's wasted gifts, and of her own misfortunes, sorrow, and ill-health, we could not understand her work.

Sir Henry then gave a brief sketch of her life from her birth, in 1816, into a family of very remarkable girls. Her two sisters Elizabeth and Maria died young through ill-treatment at the school (so vividly described as Lowood in "Jane Eyre") which Charlotte herself attended from 1814-15. She had a happier time at Roehead School as pupil and as teacher, but the unhappiness she suffered in her next post as governess and her solitary life drove her feelings inward, and this led to the passion which was to change her writings.

In appearance Charlotte was small and plain, with thick soft hair, the hands and feet small and dainty, the eyes large, well-shaped, and reddish-brown in colour. She had an expression of quiet intelligence but occasionally "a light shone, as if a spiritual lamp had been kindled behind those expressive orbs."

The family was badly off and in 1836, hoping to add to the meagre income, Charlotte wrote to Southey ("then Poet-Laureate") asking for his opinion of her poems. His answer, acknowledging that she possessed the "faculty of verse," but that "literature cannot be the business of a woman's life, and ought not to be" caused her not to attempt publication at the time. Charlotte and Emily went to Brussels in 1842, in order to obtain the necessary qualifications with a view to opening a school, but in a short time Charlotte was called home; though she returned in 1843 and spent a year as pupil-teacher, solitary, ill, and depressed. The pupils were hostile and the staff antipathetic to her. During these months abroad, she passed through a serious emotional crisis, and its effect has been declared by her critics and biographers to have been the cause of the efflorescence of her genius.

In 1846 appeared "Poems" by Currier, Ellis and Acton Bell (Charlotte, Emily and Anne Bronte). Those of Emily, as Charlotte herself wrote later, were the most worthy. Charlotte's first complete novel, "The Professor," written at this period, was not published till after her death, but in 1847 "Jane Eyre" was published. Thackeray acknowledged its "extraordinary merits," as did other prominent critics. The reviews were cautious, but the book had an immediate success, even greater than that of "Vanity Fair." "Shirley" was begun in 1847, as Charlotte entered on a period of great sorrow; her brother died, a drunken wreck; Emily died in 1848 and Anne in 1849. "Shirley" on its appearance in 1849 was much praised, and was followed by "Villette" in 1853. In June 1854 Charlotte married her father's curate, and lived happily for nine months until her death in 1855 at the age of 39.

Undoubted Genius.

She may claim a title among the immortals, said the lecturer, for she had genius, an almost indefinable but always recognisable quality. Of genius, the first characteristic is honesty, and she was always true to herself and never posed. Originality is a second characteristic, and by this we must understand not necessarily newness, but freshness of treatment. By this test few surpass Charlotte Bronte in originality. Her books have all the same plot; a poor girl in an ordinary environment meets trouble and sorrow with courage and self-respect. Her characters, though, are living, moving, and real. There is an element of inevitability about their words and actions which are always natural. A veil has been lifted from the face of life itself.

#### THE HEALTH RETURN.

##### FOURTEEN CASES REPORTED LAST WEEK.

The health return of the Medical Officer for last week contains seven cases of small-pox, five of diphtheria and one each of typhoid fever and puerperal fever. There were six deaths from small-pox and five from diphtheria, all Chinese.

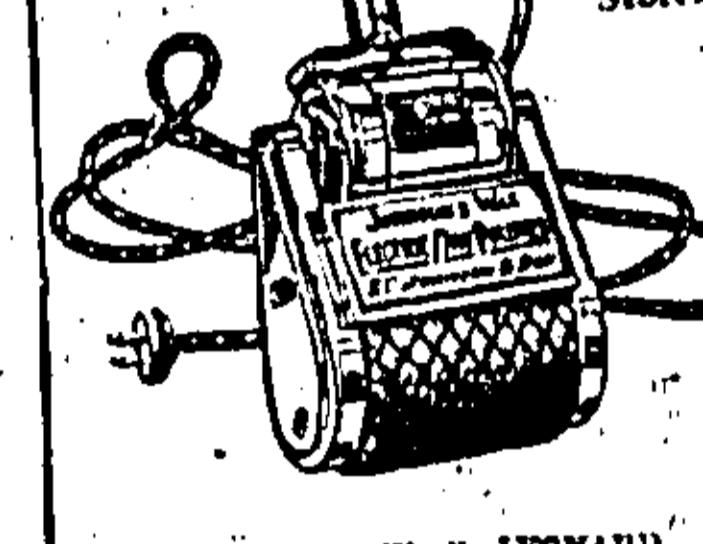
Other deaths were one Chinese from influenza, 12 Chinese and one non-Chinese from malaria and 76 Chinese and one non-Chinese from tuberculosis.

Yesterday's return showed two cases of small-pox and three of diphtheria. All were Chinese with the exception of one case of diphtheria.

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**NARROW ESCAPE.**

**THE GOVERNMENT VERY NEAR A DEFEAT.**

London, Dec. 3.

The House of Commons sitting was prolonged until early morning, after the most exciting session the Government has hitherto known, their majority in the closure division on the first clause of the Unemployment Insurance Bill falling to thirteen, with nine Labourites joining the Conservatives against the Government.

Opposition cheers greeted the figures of 200 to 196, and Mr. Wheatley followed up the revolt of the Left Wing by bitterly attacking the Government for "political dishonesty." Only the slackness of the Conservatives, of whom a hundred were absent, saved the Government from defeat. Forty Liberals voted against the Government.

**In the Lords.**

The Government was also twice defeated in the House of Lords yesterday, when a Conservative amendment to the Widows' Pensions Bill, to limit the pensions to "necessitous" widows, was carried by 37 to 16; and subsequently a subsection dealing with "excepted employments" was deleted by 33 to 9.

The Daily Herald, which states the Government will never accept the Lords' amendment, describes the Lords' action as "the Peers' first overt act of war against the Government."—Reuter.

**BELGIAN CABINET.**

**M. JASPER APPARENTLY EFFECTS A COMPROMISE.**

Brussels, Dec. 3.

M. Jasper has agreed to form a Cabinet and apparently has compromised with the Liberals in agreeing to safeguard instruction in French in certain districts.

A Brussels message of November 25 stated.—The Cabinet has decided to resign owing to its inability to agree in connexion with the linguistic problem of Ghent University. The Premier accepted the contention of the Catholics that Ghent must become an essentially Flemish university, but the Liberals have been emphatic in their resistance, the Liberal-Catholic Coalition thus breaking down.

**BRITAIN AIR MINDED.**

**PRIVATE FLYING LARGELY ON THE INCREASE.**

London, Dec. 3.

Sir Sefton Brancker, the Director of Civil Aviation, at Shrewsbury yesterday said that private flying was increasing every day in Britain, and this year his Department was issuing pilots' licences and certificates for aircraft at double the 1928 rate.

He anticipated they would double the rate again in 1930.

Every day they were moving towards making air transport only its way, and as this materialised it was obvious that the demand for commercial aircraft would increase very big proportions.—British Wireless.

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**K.R.A. ACTIVITIES.**

**PUBLIC BAND CONCERTS FOR NEXT YEAR.**

London, Dec. 3.

At the November monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, many topics of interest were discussed.

Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President of the Association, took the chair, and others present included Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. E. Terry (Hon. Secretary) and Messrs. E. Cock, M.B.E., F. W. Stapleton, R. P. P. Hunt, O.B.E., Li Jo Son, C. B. Riggs and E. C. Tregillus.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been read and confirmed, correspondence drawing the attention of the G.O.C. to the danger attendant on military horses grazing in residential areas, particularly in the vicinity of the Children's Playgrounds, was laid on the table. In his reply, the G.O.C. regretted that the actual unit at fault could not be traced, but stated that instructions had been issued that grazing and exercise of these animals should be carried out in non-residential areas as far as possible.

**Swings at Night.**

In reply to a letter from the Association pointing out the nuisance created by the unauthorised use of the swings, etc. in Chatham Road Playground after dark, owing to the gear not being locked up, the Director of Public Works stated that this was occasioned by the locks being stolen at various times. He further stated that the matter was receiving the attention of the Police.

**Middle Road Playground.**

The proposals of the P.W.D. with regard to the Middle Road Playground, having been fully discussed at a previous meeting, a letter from the Association to the D.P.W. embodying the Committee's suggestions was read and approved. The suggestions included:

(1) A 4 foot wall along the Salisbury Road frontage, in lieu of the proposed post and rail fence; the latter was not considered adequate, as it is necessary to prevent the children climbing over or scrabbling through the fence into the heavy traffic of this road.

(2) The Lavatory and Shelter to be separate.

(3) A Chinese Tile roof to the Shelter in place of the proposed Wood and Maltoid.

(4) Two gates only, one at North West corner and one on Salisbury Road, opposite the bus stopping place, the latter to have a bar erected to prevent children running straight across the pavement into the road.

(5) Increased seating accommodation in the shelter and grounds.

**Public Concerts.**

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undertake the organisation of these concerts, the sub-committee appointed to go into the matter reported that preliminary arrangements had been made, but as funds would not be available until 1st January, 1930, and as it was not desirable to hold such concerts during the cold weather, final arrangements would be left to the Committee for 1930.

Other business having been dealt with, the meeting closed. Any members whose subscriptions for 1929 are unpaid are requested to forward them to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Messrs. Tester and Abraham, as soon as possible, as the financial year closes on the 31st December.

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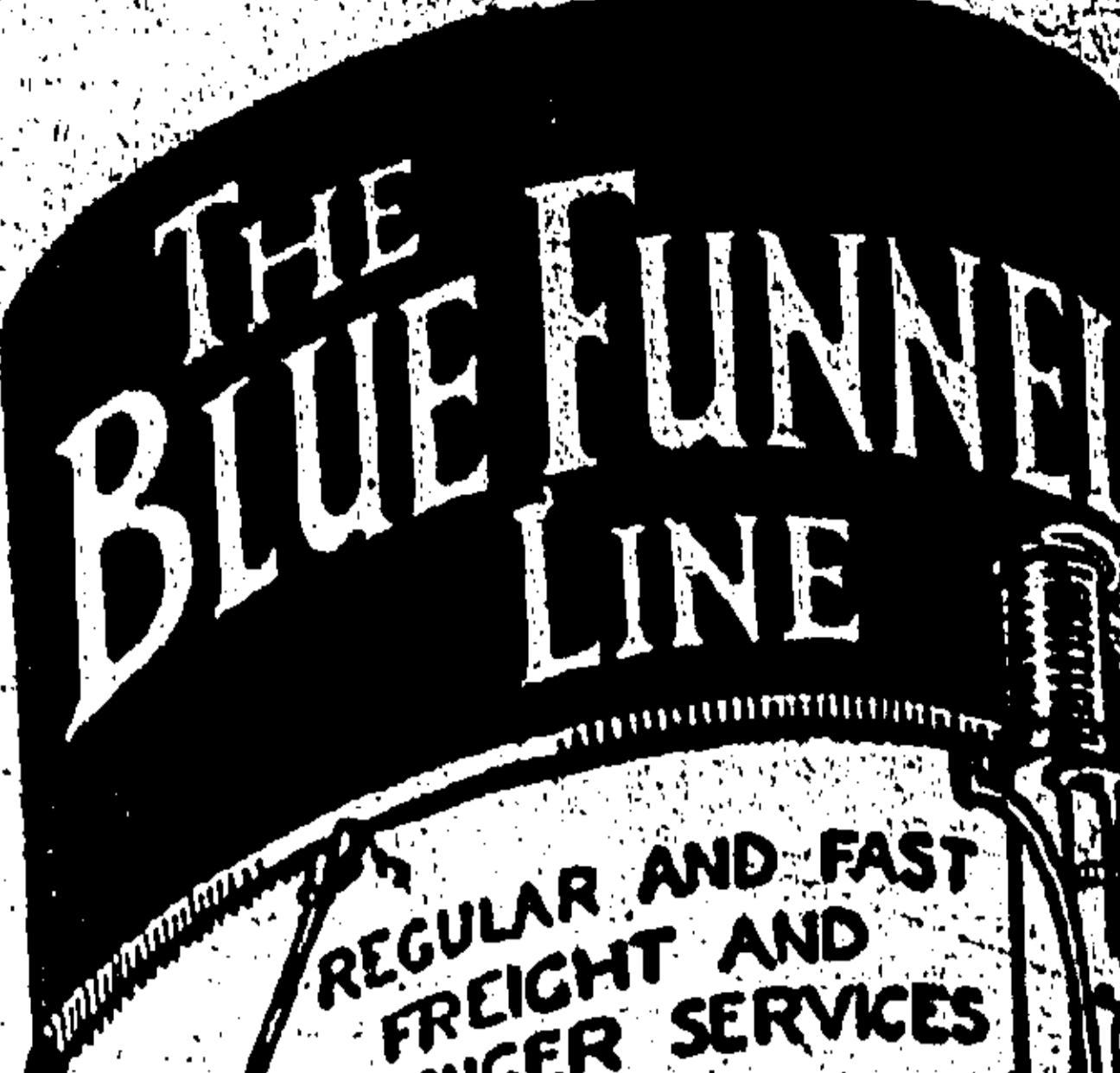
The Financial Times gives prominence to proposals for the restriction of tea production, which it says have been "officially recommended" and favoured by the Indian and Ceylon groups in Mincing Lane, but the question of Java and Sumatra support remains unsettled. The Financial Times correspondent at Amsterdam quotes the Telegraph for the view of Dutch growers that a plan of picking only the better quality leaves is preferable to an artificial restriction scheme.

A writer in the Telegraph expresses the opinion that there is not much chance of Dutch producers joining the British scheme, more so as the cost of production on Dutch Indian tea plantations is the lowest in the world.—Reuter.

**Ceylon Caution.**

Colombo, Dec. 3.

The scheme for restriction of tea output is generally favoured here, but the growers in Ceylon are unwilling to commit themselves without an assurance that at least seventy-five per cent. of the estates in all the countries concerned will join the scheme.—Reuter.



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London, Dec. 3.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons to-day, was asked whether, in view of the fact that £100,000 had been collected from 50,000 subscribers to the Imperial League of Opera, the Government intended to give assistance in establishing national opera.

While expressing the warmest sympathy with the Opera League aims, the Premier regretted he could not promise it a grant from public funds.—*British Wireless*.

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World's greatest speed: Flight Lieutenant Staniforth on a Gloster Napier Six on September 10th, at 336.3 miles an hour—541.1 kilometres an hour. Squadron Leader Orliebar on a Supermarine Rolls Royce S-6 on September 12th, at 357.5 miles an hour—576.7 kilometres an hour.

The Royal Air Force long-distance aeroplane, which in the Spring flew non-stop to India and has since its return undergone slight alterations, at Northolt Aerodrome, to-day flew to Cranwell Aerodrome, Lincolnshire, which has a specially long take-off, to await a favourable opportunity for the start of another attempt on the long-distance flight record.

Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, who took the machine on its Indian flight, will attempt to fly over Africa non-stop to Capetown, a distance of about 6,000 miles.

A start will be made in about a fortnight.—*British Wireless*.

**OIL CONSERVATION IN  
AMERICA.**

**NEW PLAN OF PETROLEUM  
INSTITUTE.**

Chicago, Dec. 3.  
In order to control production, to effect economy and to conserve the national product, as mentioned to-day in President Hoover's message to Congress, the Board of Directors of the American Petroleum Institute, has endorsed, in principle, the grouping of various oil pools into units.

The Board has also decided to appoint a Standing Committee to promote the general adoption of the principle. It is proposed that wherever feasible, leaseholders of pool acreage shall develop it jointly, pooling the proceeds.

Where the unit plan is not feasible, the Directors recommend local agreements to the same purpose.

The Directors have also decided to reorganise the Institute into three sections, Production, Refinery and Marketing.—*Reuters American Service*.

**HONGKONG CURRENCY  
QUESTION.**

**ORDERS FOR COINAGE FROM  
ROYAL MINT.**

In their weekly bullion letter, dated October 30th, Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., of London, state:

It has recently been decided that the British silver dollar should circulate in Hongkong on a parity with notes, which have hitherto commanded a substantial premium. On the basis of present prices, dollars coined and laid down in Hongkong show a profit as against a purchase of exchange, and there has therefore been created a certain demand for the coins.

Orders for coinage have been placed with the Royal Mint. As the Mint has been able to provide most of the silver required from demonetised British silver coin of the old standard, this demand for dollars has so far been without effect on silver prices.

It is not considered that the demand for the coins will involve any large purchases of new silver.

**EUROPEAN STEEL.**

**CARTEL DECIDES TO REDUCE  
OUTPUT.**

Brussels, Dec. 3.  
The Committee of the International Steel Cartel has decided to reduce the production of unmanufactured steel in December by ten per cent.—*Reuters*.

**ALARMING MUTINY  
AT PUKOW.**

REFUSAL TO GO TO  
CANTON.

KUOMINCHUN FORCES IN ORGY  
OF LOOTING.

**OFFICERS MURDERED.**

Shanghai, Dec. 4.  
Travellers arriving from Pukow state that the mutiny reported yesterday was more serious than at first reported. It was well planned, and almost an entire Army Corps is stated to have been involved.

The mutineers disarmed the loyal garrison almost without resistance, looted every shop in Pukow and seized all the rolling stock, leaving for the North by heading towards Pengpu, looting other stations en route.

The Government forces crossed the Yangtze, but were unable to follow, owing to lack of transport. The mutineers had been ordered to Canton for the campaign against the Ironsides.

American Robbed.

Very little damage has been done to foreign property, but Mr. Frankoff, of the Paramount News Reel Company, had a narrow escape. The soldiers took his camera and all his cash, amounting to \$200, but he escaped uninjured and was able to get to Nanking yesterday morning.—*Reuters*.

Nanking, Dec. 3.  
The Nationalist Capital was alarmed that night when the 24th Nationalist Division, under General Shih Yu-san, mutinied and looted Pukow, disarming a large number of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops.

It will be recalled that the 24th Division was formerly one of the most trusted Kuominchun Divisions under Marshal Feng Yu-hsing, but that it surrendered to the Central Government recently and was then ordered to go to Anhui Province.

Ordered to Canton.

During the week-end it was announced that the Nanking authorities had decided to dispatch 6,000 or 7,000 of the Kuominchun units of the 24th Division; under the command of General Shih Yu-san, to Canton.

On Monday, about 7,000 troops arrived at Pukow and on the same day they all boarded steamers for the South, while in the evening their officers supplied them with arms and ammunition. The troops, however, declined to go South.

Officers Assassinated.

Last night, these units suddenly mutinied, assassinating in cold blood two of their regimental commanders, whose names are not known at the time of writing.

Disobeying the orders of the officers that they should remain on board the steamers, the troops rushed ashore and looted some of the Chinese shops and residences in the native city. There is no mention that foreigners in the city have been molested, and it is, therefore, presumed that they are all safe.

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One of the first acts of the mutineers was to cut all telephone and telegraph wires thus severing communications with the Nationalist Capital. The city was in a state of chaos for several hours.

Despite its nearness to Nanking, the mutiny had had no great effect on the capital, where it is believed that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has concentrated the best of his forces. These are believed to be adequate to prevent any attempt on the part of the rebels to seize the city by an attack from Pukow.

At about dawn, when troops from

**THE TALK OF THE SEASON!**

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